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Section 10
Africa: New Agenda for Development

(Programme 6 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001)

Overview

10.1 The activities under the programme fall under programme 6, Africa: New Agenda for Development, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001, as revised (A/53/6/Rev.1), which was given priority by the General Assembly in the annex to its resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996. This priority was subsequently reiterated by the Assembly in its resolution 53/206 of 18 December 1998. Under the terms of Assembly resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990, the Secretary-General was entrusted with the responsibility to follow up, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s. Activities to be carried out under the programme, in close cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), also relate to the assessment and monitoring of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and of Assembly resolution 52/187 of 18 December 1997 regarding the convening of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

10.2 The programme was established because of the concern of the international community regarding the need to address Africa's critical socio-economic situation. The United Nations has, since the mid-1980s, channelled international concern and support for Africa's development efforts by adopting specific programmes for Africa, including the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986–1990 and its successor, the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s. The United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa, launched in 1996 as a system-wide partnership for the mobilization of support for Africa, is designed to give impetus to the New Agenda by setting out programmatic and operational actions towards its implementation and to incorporate further the development priorities as defined by African countries themselves. The Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development, held in October 1998, renewed the commitment of the international community to African development and provided impetus for increased cooperation between Asia and Africa. The Tokyo Agenda for Action, adopted at the Conference, emphasized the need for accelerated economic growth for poverty reduction and further integration of Africa into the global economy and highlighted the principles of ownership and global partnership. In his report on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871–S/1998/318), the Secretary-General, *inter alia*, called for the acceleration of the implementation of the New Agenda, strengthening of the linkages between peace, security and sustainable development to respond to situations of conflict and promotion of durable peace and sustainable development.

10.3 The overall goal of the programme is to mobilize the support and galvanize the efforts of the international community for African development, including through an increased flow of financial resources; to ensure that African development remains one of the priorities of the international community; to promote a supportive framework for African development efforts; to promote a coordinated and effective response by the United Nations system at the policy and operational levels in support of African development; and to further enhance South-South cooperation.

10.4 The programme will be under the joint responsibility of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Department of Public Information. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, through the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, provides overall coordination and leadership of the programme.

Programme of work

Table 10.1 **Summary of requirements by subprogramme**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Subprogramme	1996-1997 expenditures	1998-1999 appropriations	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	2000-2001 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
1. Mobilization of international support and global coordination	2 782.3	3 064.0	119.0	3.8	3 183.0	191.4	3 374.4
2. Monitoring, assessment, facilitation and follow-up to the implementation of action programmes for African development	530.5	780.1	361.7	46.3	1 141.8	32.2	1 174.0
3. The campaign for global awareness of the critical economic situation in Africa	996.0	1 385.9	302.4	21.8	1 688.3	100.5	1 788.8
Total	**4 308.8**	**5 230.0**	**783.1**	**14.9**	**6 013.1**	**324.1**	**6 337.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	1998-1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000-2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	–	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
–	–	(b) Substantive activities	–
259.8	530.0	Trust Fund for Support of the Implementation of the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and the Tokyo Declaration on African Development	625.0
195.7	365.9	Trust Fund for Information Support for African Economic Recovery and Development	100.0
522.8	990.3	UNDP	722.0
		(c) Operational projects	
289.9	261.3	UNDP	365.4
1 268.2	**2 147.5**		**1 812.4**
5 577.0	**7 377.5**		**8 149.6**

Table 10.2 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 201.5	3 720.1	574.7	15.4	4 294.8	240.6	4 535.4
Other staff costs	317.9	321.9	20.0	6.2	341.9	16.6	358.5
Consultants and experts	370.8	566.6	168.0	29.6	734.6	35.6	770.2
Travel	183.0	240.6	–	–	240.6	11.7	252.3
Contractual services	186.3	329.0	20.4	6.2	349.4	17.0	366.4
General operating expenses	31.7	40.8	–	–	40.8	2.0	42.8
Supplies and materials	17.6	11.0	–	–	11.0	0.6	11.6
Total	**4 308.8**	**5 230.0**	**783.1**	**14.9**	**6 013.1**	**324.1**	**6 337.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	*1998-1999 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*2000-2001 estimates*
585.4	1 389.8	Posts	972.4
270.1	382.3	Consultants and experts	367.0
87.6	122.8	Travel	170.0
111.5	75.6	Contractual services	193.0
0.3	–	General operating expenses	30.0
25.7	5.0	Furniture and equipment acquisition	60.0
187.6	172.0	Other	20.0
1 268.2	**2 147.5**		**1 812.4**
5 577.0	**7 377.5**		**8 149.6**

Table 10.3 **Post requirements**

Programme: Africa: New Agenda for Development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998 1999	*2000 2001*	*1998 1999*	*2000 2001*	*1998 1999*	*2000 2001*	*1998 1999*	*2000 2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	2
P-5	4	4	–	–	2	2	6	6
P-4/3	6	8	–	–	2	–	8	8
Total	**12**	**14**	–	–	**4**	**3**	**16**	**17**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Other levels	6	7	–	–	2	–	8	7
Total	**7**	**8**	–	–	**2**	–	**9**	**8**
Other categories								
Local level	–	1	–	–	2	2	2	3
Total	–	**1**	–	–	**2**	**2**	**2**	**3**
Grand total	**19**	**23**	–	–	**8**	**5**	**27**	**28**

10.5 The approximate percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

Subprogramme	*Regular budget*	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
1. Mobilization of international support and global coordination	53.3	34.5
2. Monitoring, assessment, facilitation and follow-up to the implementation of action programmes for African development	18.5	60.0
3. The campaign for global awareness of the critical economic situation in Africa	28.2	5.5
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Subprogramme 1
Mobilization of international support and global coordination

Table 10.4 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	2 204.5	2 320.5	–	–	2 320.5	149.6	2 470.1
Other staff costs	79.8	57.8	31.2	53.9	89.0	4.3	93.3
Consultants and experts	338.6	509.6	67.4	13.2	577.0	28.0	605.0
Travel	140.5	139.2	–	–	139.2	6.7	145.9
Contractual services	18.9	36.9	20.4	55.2	57.3	2.8	60.1
Total	**2 782.3**	**3 064.0**	**119.0**	**3.8**	**3 183.0**	**191.4**	**3 374.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	*1998-1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000-2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	–	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Support of the Implementation of the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and the Tokyo Declaration on	
259.8	530.0	African Development	625.0
		(c) Operational projects	
259.8	**530.0**	**Total**	**625.0**
3 042.1	**3 594.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**3 999.4**

Table 10.5 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998-1999	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-5	2	2	–	–	1	1	3	3
P-4/3	3	3	–	–	–	–	3	3
Total	**7**	**7**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**8**	**8**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Other levels	4	4	–	–	1	–	5	4
Total	**5**	**5**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**6**	**5**
Grand total	**12**	**12**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**1**	**14**	**13**

10.6 The activities under the subprogramme will be implemented by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries. The Office will play an advocacy, catalytic and coordinating role and work closely with ECA and the Department of Public Information, which are responsible for implementation of the activities described under subprogrammes 2 and 3, respectively, as well as maintain close coordination and cooperation with UNCTAD to mobilize the international community to increase support to the least developed countries.

10.7 In the context of its advocacy role, the Office of the Special Coordinator will continue to support the Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development and relevant intergovernmental bodies dealing with African development with a view to facilitating their deliberations to reach broader consensus on actions by the international community in support of the development of Africa and the least developed countries. The subprogramme will also assist in the follow-up and monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

10.8 Within the framework of its catalytic activities, the subprogramme will promote dialogue among development actors. It will target activities, such as South-South cooperation; marketing strategies in enterprise development; microcredit; Asia-Africa cooperation in technology transfer, combating desertification and export promotion; implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; and other key areas through participation in seminars, workshops and other forums. It will contribute to the follow-up and monitoring of the implementation of the Tokyo Agenda for Action, with a view to promoting South-South cooperation between Africa and Asia. The subprogramme will aim to bring about synergy among Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations at the global, regional and subregional levels.

10.9 The subprogramme will contribute to the mobilization of resources for African development in cooperation with organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and donor agencies.

10.10 It is estimated that during the biennium, extrabudgetary resources of $625,000 from the Trust Fund for Support of the Implementation of the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and the Tokyo

Declaration on African Development, as well as other sources, will be utilized to supplement resources from the regular budget to organize seminars and interregional and subregional meetings related in particular to Asia-Africa cooperation and to prepare specialized publications.

Expected accomplishments

10.11 The expected accomplishments by the end of the biennium will include: increased consensus within the international community on priority actions to support the development of Africa and the least developed countries and expansion of the areas of South-South cooperation and of Asia-Africa cooperation.

Outputs

10.12 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings dealing with African development: General Assembly (4); Ad hoc working group of the General Assembly on the report of the Secretary-General on Africa (subject to a decision by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session) (4); Committee for Programme and Coordination (4); the Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development (4);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation

a. General Assembly. Progress report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/32 of 6 December 1996 on the mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review;

b. Committee for Programme and Coordination. Two progress reports on the implementation of the Special Initiative;

(iii) Other services

a. Ad hoc expert group meetings. Asia-Africa meeting on exchange of experiences and best practices in marketing strategies in enterprise development; and, in cooperation with UNCTAD, a technical meeting to review progress in the implementation of special measures for the least developed countries adopted at various United Nations global conferences;

b. In cooperation with ECA, substantive support and/or contribution to the organization of two meetings on promoting dialogue and enhancing partnership among development actors in Africa; two meetings to follow up the Microcredit Summit; the third Asia-Africa Forum; the first Asia-Africa Forum on Technology Transfer; and the second Asia-Africa Meeting on Export Promotion;

c. In cooperation with the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, preparation and organization of the fourth Asia-Africa Forum on Combating Desertification;

d. Organization of two intergovernmental meetings to review and monitor the progress of African development in the framework of the Tokyo Agenda for Action at the subregional level;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Recurrent publications. *Overview of African Development; Priority Africa* (summary of the work of the Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development); and *Study on Overall Resource Flows to Africa*;

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Microcredit concept: consolidated report on country studies; report of the third Asia-Africa Forum; report of the technical meeting to review the implementation of special measures for least developed countries adopted by major United Nations global conferences; discussion papers on economic issues related to cooperation between the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations system; studies on capacity-building in export promotion, appropriate technologies in agro-based micro-industries and small industries, prospects for expanding and diversifying Asia-Africa trade and promoting dialogue and enhancing partnership among development actors in Africa; and issue papers for the meetings of the Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development;

(iii) Updating a database with the list of non-governmental organizations in Africa involved in global processes;

(c) *International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) Participation in the activities of regional and interregional intergovernmental organizations on issues related to African development, such as the meetings of the OAU Council of Ministers and summits of Heads of State and Government, the Annual Assembly of the Board of Governors of the African Development Bank and others;

(ii) In cooperation with UNCTAD, preparation and organization of two inter-agency meetings to ensure the mobilization and coordination of all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system for the purpose of implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action for the least developed countries for the 1990s in the context of the preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; and participation in the meetings of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries.

Subprogramme 2
Monitoring, assessment, facilitation and follow-up to the implementation of action programmes for African development

Table 10.6 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	313.2	490.9	272.3	55.4	763.2	13.8	777.0
Other staff costs	153.0	151.6	(11.2)	(7.3)	140.4	6.8	147.2
Consultants and experts	32.2	57.0	100.6	176.4	157.6	7.6	165.2
Travel	32.1	80.6	–	–	80.6	4.0	84.6
Total	**530.5**	**780.1**	**361.7**	**46.3**	**1 141.8**	**32.2**	**1 174.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	1998-1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000-2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	–	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
		(b) Substantive activities	
522.8	990.3	UNDP	722.0
		(c) Operational projects	
289.9	261.3	UNDP	365.4
Total	**812.7**	**1 251.6**		**1 087.4**
Total (1) and (2)	**1 343.2**	**2 031.7**		**2 261.4**

Table 10.7 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Economic Commission for Africa

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001
Professional category and above								
D-1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
P-5	1	1	–	–	1	1	2	2
P-4/3	1	2	–	–	1	–	2	2
Total	**2**	**3**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**4**	**5**
Other categories								
Local level	–	1	–	–	2	2	2	3
Total	**–**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**3**
Grand total	**2**	**4**	**–**	**–**	**4**	**4**	**6**	**8**

10.13 The subprogramme will be implemented by ECA in cooperation with UNDP.

10.14 The subprogramme will focus in particular on: (a) monitoring and assessment of the implementation of the recommendations agreed upon at the mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda; (b) facilitating the translation of the objectives of the New Agenda into concrete coordinated actions of the United Nations system at the national and regional levels; (c) promoting the necessary partnerships for a positive country and international response, including programme formulation and implementation at the country level; (d) developing an effective communication and outreach strategy for enhanced information flow, as well as for improved monitoring, assessment, evaluation and reporting on the implementation of the New Agenda and Special Initiative and other special programmes for African development.

10.15 It is estimated that during the biennium, extrabudgetary resources of $1,087,400 from various sources, including UNDP, will be utilized in conjunction with the regular budget resources to organize regional and subregional ad hoc expert group meetings, workshops and seminars and provide advisory services with a focus on implementation of the Special Initiative; and to expand ECA input to technical consultations and programmatic implementation of activities in priority clusters of the Special Initiative.

Expected accomplishments

10.16 The expected accomplishments by the end of the biennium will include: an enhanced process of consultation among development partners with a view to attaining synergistic development outcomes under the various priority clusters of the Special Initiative; an established United Nations partnership in support of sector-wide programmes, including on education and health; enhanced skills of newly elected officials in development management and economic governance; sustained focus on adapting Africa's regional integration agenda to the challenges posed by globalization; and enhanced partnership between United Nations agencies and between them and donor agencies in advocacy for Africa.

Outputs

10.17 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) *Servicing of intergovernmental/expert bodies (RB/XB)*

(i) Substantive servicing of one meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers;

(ii) Parliamentary documentation. ECA Conference of Ministers: one biennial report on the implementation of the New Agenda and one report on the implementation of the Special Initiative;

(iii) Other services. Four ad hoc expert group meetings on women and literacy in Africa, curbing the African brain drain, emerging challenges in Africa: HIV/AIDS and reviving the failed State: capacity-building for economic management; and four technical meetings on Special Initiative clusters and an annual African regional consultation;

(b) *Other substantive activities (RB/XB)*

(i) Recurrent publications. *United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa* newsletter (biannual);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Achieving value-added under the Special Initiative: concepts and best practices policies; and source book on development issues and challenges;

(iii) Electronic, audio and video issuances. Special Initiative multimedia products on CD-ROM, videos; maintenance of the Special Initiative home page as a part of the ECA Web site; and maintenance and updating of databases: Programme, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation (PRIME) and Major Meetings and Events on Africa (MMEA).

(c) *International cooperation, inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) Missions for consultations with other United Nations agencies, the World Bank, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and African regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations, as well as bilateral development agencies for the implementation of the New Agenda through the Special Initiative operational framework (up to 12 missions); cooperation with the United Nations system at the national and subregional levels to facilitate the implementation of the Special Initiative through the United Nations resident coordinator system at the national level and subregional development centres at the subregional level;

(ii) Substantive contribution to country-level, subregional and regional Special Initiative activities under the New Agenda, including background papers for the meetings of the chief executives of the Joint AfDB/ECA/OAU secretariat, briefings for OAU Ministers and officials of African Governments and others;

(d) *Technical cooperation (XB)*

(i) Advisory services. Organization of advisory services (up to 24 missions) to African countries, United Nations country teams, regional economic communities and intergovernmental organizations on priority development issues, including national Special Initiative action plans, post-conflict reconstruction and development, with emphasis on capacity-building for economic management, regional cooperation and integration arrangements, and other issues of a global nature, including governance;

(ii) Seminars, workshops and other meetings. Five subregional workshops on progress achieved in the implementation of the Special Initiative by member countries; two workshops to be organized jointly with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization/World Bank and the World Health Organization/World Bank on critical issues in the education sector and in the health sector in Africa, respectively; and seminars on cross-country best practices in governance and lessons from other regions on regional cooperation and integration.

Subprogramme 3
The campaign for global awareness of the critical economic situation in Africa

Table 10.8 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	683.8	908.7	302.4	33.2	1 211.1	77.2	1 288.3
Other staff costs	85.1	112.5	–	–	112.5	5.5	118.0
Travel	10.4	20.8	–	–	20.8	1.0	21.8
Contractual services	167.4	292.1	–	–	292.1	14.2	306.3
General operating expenses	31.7	40.8	–	–	40.8	2.0	42.8
Supplies and materials	17.6	11.0	–	–	11.0	0.6	11.6
Total	**996.0**	**1 385.9**	**302.4**	**21.8**	**1 688.3**	**100.5**	**1 788.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	*1998-1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000-2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
–	–	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	–
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Information Support for African Economic Recovery and	
195.7	365.9	Development	100.0
–	–	(c) Operational projects	–
195.7	**365.9**	**Total**	**100.0**
1 191.7	**1 751.8**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**1 888.8**

Table 10.9 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Department of Public Information

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998-1999	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*	*1998-1999*	*2000-2001*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-4/3	2	3	–	–	1	–	3	3
P-2/1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**3**	**4**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**4**	**4**
General Service category								
Other levels	2	3	–	–	1	–	3	3
Total	**2**	**3**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**–**	**3**	**3**
Grand total	**5**	**7**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**–**	**7**	**7**

10.18 The subprogramme will be implemented by the Department of Public Information. The main objective of the subprogramme is to raise global awareness of Africa's critical economic situation and of the actions taken by Africa and the international community to promote the economic recovery and sustainable development of the continent through wide dissemination of the periodical *Africa Recovery* and related publications to the general public and to target groups, such as parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations, trade unions and academic institutions, as well as through outreach to African and international mass media.

10.19 It is estimated that during the biennium, extrabudgetary resources of $100,000 from the Trust Fund for Information Support for African Economic Recovery and Development will be utilized to supplement resources from the regular budget for hiring specialist writers and experts in areas of special interest to the New Agenda and the Special Initiative, as well as for collecting information and upgrading electronic equipment.

Expected accomplishments

10.20 The expected accomplishments by the end of the biennium will include: increased awareness in Africa and the international community of the nature of the critical economic and social situation in Africa and of the African and international efforts required for recovery and development, as well as of the major international and national initiatives and events that contribute to Africa's economic progress; and highlighting of progress in the implementation of the New Agenda and the Special Initiative and in the promotion and strengthening of subregional and regional cooperation and integration through appropriate programmes, especially those approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/32 on the mid-term review of the implementation of the New Agenda.

Outputs

10.21 During the biennium 2000–2001, the following outputs will be delivered:

Substantive activities (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publication. *Africa Recovery* (quarterly, English and French);

(ii) Other information material. Information kits, briefing papers and press releases on major international and local initiatives and events supporting Africa's economic and social development, including the press kit for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the New Agenda; and media liaison efforts to promote dissemination of information on African development issues and in particular on activities of United Nations programmes in this regard.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10.22 Estimated requirements of $4,294,800, reflecting a growth of $574,700, would provide for 14 Professional, 8 General Service and 1 Local level post under the programme. The growth results from the proposal to establish four new posts, including one P-4 and one Local level post, under subprogramme 2 and one P-3 and one General Service post under subprogramme 3.

10.23 The P-4 post in ECA would be for a programme management officer, who will increase the capacity of ECA to play an enhanced role in policy analysis and facilitation of coordination services for the implementation of the Special Initiative at the country level and to carry out more effectively the monitoring and assessment of the implications of the Special Initiative and other international and regional initiatives for Africa. The Local level post is required to secure the services of a research assistant for the maintenance of the PRIME system, which is an essential component for effective and substantive monitoring and evaluation of the Special Initiative.

10.24 The P-3 post in the Department of Public Information would be for an information officer, who will research, write and edit material for the subprogramme's products; develop and maintain a database on key themes of African development; monitor activities of the United Nations system, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, relevant to Africa; and develop links with all relevant actors, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, academic and research institutions and international and African media organizations to further strengthen the information-gathering network of the subprogramme. The General Service post will be for a designer/desktop operator, who will assist in developing an image and identity for the subprogramme as it relates to printed outputs. He/she will also assist in the design, art direction and production of publications, both print and electronic.

Other staff costs

10.25 The estimate of $341,900, reflecting an increase of $20,000, consists of:

(a) An amount of $229,400 for general temporary assistance in the Office of the Special Coordinator ($89,000) and in ECA ($140,400) for replacement of staff on sick or maternity leave and to assist in the preparation of conferences and ad hoc expert group meetings and during periods of heavy workload. The growth of $20,000 is the net result of an increase of $31,200 under subprogramme 1, offset by a decrease of $11,200 under subprogramme 2. The additional resources under subprogramme 1 relate to additional requirements for the preparation of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) An amount of $112,500, reflecting no growth, would be required in the Department of Public Information for external expertise for research, writing and editing of information material for *Africa Recovery* and other related publications.

Consultants and experts

10.26 A provision in the amount of $734,600, reflecting an increase of $168,000, relates to expert advice and specialized assistance required for the implementation of subprogrammes 1 and 2, broken down as follows:

(a) $264,700 for consultants and $312,300 for expert group meetings under the programme of work of the Office of the Special Coordinator. These proposed provisions include resource growth of $67,400,

which relates to additional requirements for consultants to prepare policy analyses and studies ($32,700) and for the expert group meetings described above under subprogramme 1 ($34,700);

(b) $46,800 for consultants and $110,800 for expert group meetings under subprogramme 2. These provisions include resource growth of $100,600, which relates to additional requirements for consultants to prepare a number of specialized studies and reports ($22,200) and for additional ad hoc expert group meetings ($78,400).

Travel

10.27 The estimated requirements of $240,600, reflecting no growth, provide for travel of the Special Coordinator and his staff, as well as staff of ECA and the Department of Public Information, for collection of information and data, substantive servicing of meetings, consultations and participation in inter-agency and other meetings under their programme of work.

Contractual services

10.28 The estimate of $349,400, reflecting growth of $20,400, covers the cost of contractual translation, printing and other production costs of the quarterly periodical *Africa Recovery* incurred by the Department of Public Information ($292,100) and external production of publications on the meetings under the programme of work to be held away from established United Nations locations ($57,300). The increase of $20,400 relates to increased requirements for the external production of publications produced by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries.

General operating expenses

10.29 The estimate of $40,800, reflecting no growth, relates to the cost of shipping and distribution by the Department of Public Information of *Africa Recovery* and other information materials.

Supplies and materials

10.30 The estimated requirements of $11,000, reflecting no growth, provide for the cost of supplies in relation to information activities under subprogramme 3.